

The seal of the Matthews Police Department is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a scale of justice and a sword. The words "MATTHEWS" and "POLICE" are arched over the top of the shield, and "DEPARTMENT" is arched below it. The seal is rendered in a light gray, semi-transparent background behind the main title.

MATTHEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Matthews Police Department strive to promote a safe community by preventing crimes and reducing the fear of crime, while treating all individuals fairly and with respect.

Our members will demonstrate honesty, professionalism and integrity while building the partnerships necessary to enhance the safety of our community.

The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of what is happening within our community.

For questions or additional information, please visit www.matthewsnc.gov or contact our Community Resource Officer at (704) 845-1651 or at communitysafety@matthewspolice.org.

Chief Rob L. Hunter
January 11, 2015

2015 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

Activities	2015	2014	1-Year Change
Calls For Service	43,779	38,900	+ 13%
Collisions Reported	2,281	2,185	+ 4%
Citations Issued	3,224	3,587	- 11%
DWI Arrests	117	144	- 19%
Drug Arrests	1,035	566	+ 83%
Total All Arrests	2,085	2,305	- 10%

During 2015, we experienced a continued increase in the number calls received, included in that is an increase (+35%) of the number of security checks requested and/or completed. This resulted not only from citizen requests and officer-initiated checks, but also from an increase in Citizen Volunteer patrols & checks as well. While we did experience a slight increase in traffic collisions for a fifth straight year, the number resulting in injuries remained steady.

2015 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Index (Part 1) Crimes	2015	2014	1-Year Change
Murder	1	0	na
Rape	3	1	+ 200%
Robbery	18	21	- 14%
Aggrv. Assaults	35	31	+ 13%
Burglary	94	109	- 14%
Larceny	662	650	+ 2%
Auto Theft	29	32	- 9%
Arson	2	2	0%
Index Crimes Listed	845	844	0%
Total All Crimes	2,937	2,552	+ 15%

We are pleased to report that the number of (Part 1) serious offenses declined for the fourth straight year. And while the overall number of crimes increased, that is primarily due to our investigative focus on serious drug offenses within our community, primarily Heroin. I do believe that our heightened presence in the community, assisted by our fantastic *Citizens Volunteer Corp*, has aided in further reducing serious criminal offenses in town. As we begin our next *Citizens Police Academy* this month, we look forward to opening our department and operations to even more of our citizens and learning from them how we can better serve our community.